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I..The attention of all officers, and especially of commanders of Departments and Army Corps, is called to the absolute necessity of reducing the baggage trains of troops in the field. The mobility of our armies is destroyed by the vast trains which attend them, and which they are required to guard. This evil requires a prompt remedy. Officers will hereafter be allowed to carry into the field only the ordinary mess chest and a valise or carpet bag. No trunks or boxes will be permitted in the baggage trains. Privates frequently carry carpet bags and boxes in the regimental wagons. This must be immediately stopped. Inspectors, quartermasters, and wagonmasters will see that such articles are ejected from the wagons and cars wherever found; and regimental and company officers who permit these abuses will be reported, through the proper channels, for dismissal from service. Commanders of Departments and Army Corps will direct frequent inspections to be made of baggage trains, and especially of officers' baggage, and see that this order is strictly enforced in their respective commands.

II..Another cause of the increase of trains is the carrying of sutlers' goods in regimental or quartermaster wagons, under the guise of quartermaster and commissary stores. Hereafter, any officer or wagonmaster who permits this abuse will be duly punished, and the sutler whose goods are so carried will be placed without the lines of the army, and his appointment revoked.

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